The Government have modified the guidelines regarding filling up of vacancies in May 1986. According to the revised guidelines, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions, vacancies both Plan and non-Plan arising due to promotion, reitrement, death; resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation etc., can now be filled up.

(b) The information is not centrally available nor is it practicable to collect the same within a reasonable time.

Commuted pensions to employees

*231. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on December 9, 1986 the Supreme Court had decreed that the commuted portion of pensions would be restored and full pension would be given after 15 years of retirement to all Civil and Defence and State Government employees and that pensions would be restored from April 1, 1985 and also that pensioners would be entitled for arrears from that date.

(b) whether the judgement was to be implemented within three months; and

(c) if so, the progress made so far in its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The judgement covers only the Central Government pensioners; it is not applicable to State Government employees.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The judgement has since been implemented and an order has been issued to that effect on 5-3-87.

Foreign currency reserves

*233. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign currency reserves excluding gold and the holding of Special Drawing Rights, have shown a declining trend;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The foreign exchange reserves (excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) increased from Rs. 4265 crores as on 31-3-1983 to Rs. 7384 crores as on 31-3-1986. During the year 1986-87, reserves initially declined to Rs. 6478 crores as on 31-7-1986, but subsequently they have gone upto Rs. 6964 crores as on 28-2-1987. The balance of payments data with the details of individual factors affecting movements in foreign exchange reserves during the year 1986-87 are not yet available.

Production of equipment of PBX

†*234 SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the equipment of Private Branch Exchanges (PBXs) is being produced in the country;

(b) what are the names of companies which have been licensed to manufacture PBXs based on indigenous technology for the development of telematics;

(c) what are the names of the companies licensed to manufacture PBXs so far based on imported technology and what are the names of

†Previously Starred Question 114, transferred from the 4th March, 1987.

foreign companies which have collaborated with each of them;

(d) what is the licensed production capacity of each of these companies during the last 3 years;

(e) what would be the demand for PBXs in the country in 1989-90 and whether the production is likely to exceed the demand projections; and

(f) what had been the number of PBXs in the country in each of the last three years since 1983-84 and what is expected in 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the parties who have been licensed to manufacture PBX (EPABX) based on indigenous technology from Centre for Development of Telematics are given at statement-I. (*See* below)

(c) The names of the companies licensed to manufacture PBX (EPABX) based on imported technology along with the names of the foreign collaborators are given at statement-II. (*See* below)

(d) The licensed capacity of each party has been indicated in the lists at Statements-I and II. (*See* below)

(e) The demand in 1989-90 is estimated to be about 100,000 lines. The licensed production capacity exceeds the estimated demand. Actual production is expected to approximate the demand projections.

(f) The number of PBX and PABXs working in the country in each of the three years since 1983-84 is as follows:

1983-84	..	24,088
1984-85	..	24,734
1985-86	..	26.191

In 1989-90, the number is expected to be about 30,000.

Statement—I

Parties granted Industrial Licence for manufacture of EPABX (with C-DOT Technology)

Sl. No.	Name of the Party	Licensed Capacity in Lines
1	2	3
1	Indian Telephone Industires Ltd. Palghat	40000
2	Punjab Communications Ltd.	20000
3	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	20000
4	Continental Devices India Ltd.	20000
5	Arvind Mills Limited	20000
6	Delta Hamlin Limited	20000
7	Instrumentation Limited	20000
8	Hindustan Brown Bovery Limited	20000
9	Debikay Information Technology Ltd.	20000
10	Indchem Electronics Ltd.	20000

1	2	3
11	Kalindi Rail Nirman (Engineers) Ltd.	20000
12	Magnavision Electronics Ltd.	20000
13	Central Electronics Limited	20000
14	United Telecom. Pvt. Ltd.	20000
15	Maharashtra Electronics Development Corporation Limited	20000
	TOTAL :	320000

Parties granted Letter of Intent for manufacture of EPABX (with C-DOT Technology)

1	Wipro Information Technology Pvt. Ltd.	20000
2	Arlcm Breweries Limited	20000
3	Best & Crompton Engineering Pvt. Ltd.	20000
4	Assam Electronics Development Corporation Limited	20000
5	Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Co. Ltd.	20000
6	Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd.	20000
7	Digital Telecom Limited	20000
8	Rajasthan Telematics India Pvt. Ltd.	20000
9	Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Limited	20000
10	Capital Radio Company	20000
11	Sri K. C. Rajaram.	20000
12	Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Limited	20000
13	Sujata Telecommunications Ltd., Hyderabad	20000
14	Rane Brake Linings Ltd.	20000
15	Auto Controls Pvt. Ltd.	20000
16	Himachal Interlink Technologies Ltd.	20000
17	Burr Brown India Pvt. Ltd.	20000
18	National Radio & Electronics Co. Ltd.	20000
19	The Indian Transformers Ltd.	20000
20	Radiant Electronics Ltd.	20000
21	W. S. Insulators of India Ltd.	20000
22	J&K Industrial Dev. Corp. Ltd.	20000
23	Genesis Telecommunications Ltd.	20000

1	2	3
24	Parimal Polymers Ltd.	20000
25	Karnataka Telecom. Ltd.	20000
26	The Gwalior Rayon Silk Manufacturing (WVG) Co. Ltd.	20000
27	A.P. Electronics Dev. Corp. Ltd.	20000
28	Omni Finance & Industries Ltd.	20000
29	Shri Prakash Jain	20000
30	Cosmo Communications Pvt. Ltd.	20000
31	Pentax Engineering (Pvt. Ltd.)	20000
32	Super Phone India Ltd.	20000
33	Essen Telecommunications Pvt. Ltd.	20000
	TOTAL	660000

Statement-II

Parties granted Industrial Licence for manufacture of EPABX (with Foreign Collaboration)

Sl. No.	Name of the Party	Licensed Capacity	Foreign Collaborator
1	Uptron Digital Systems Ltd.	50000	Jeumont Schneider, France
2	Larsen & Toubro Ltd.	50000	Jeumont Schneider, France
3	Usha Computers & Peripherals Limited	50000	Jeumont Schneider France
4	Escorts Limited	50000	Jeumont, Schneider, France
5	Blue Star Limited	50000	Jeumont Schneider, France
6	Unitel Communications Ltd.	50000	GTE, Belgium
7	Northern Digital Exchanges Ltd.	50000	OKI, Japan
		350000 Lines	

Parties granted Letter of Intent for manufacture of EPABX (with Foreign Collaboration)

1	Artel Communications Ltd.	50000	Jeumont Schneider, France
2	West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Ltd.	50000	Jeumont Schneider, France
3	Delton Cables Limited.	50000	GTE, Belgium
4	TATA Industries Ltd.	50000	OKI, Japan
5	JK Business Machine Ltd.	50000	OKI, Japan
6	Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.	50000	OKI, Japan
		300000	